Amendments to the Specification:

The following amendment is made to paragraph [0034]:

[0034] Like the previous embodiments, the sizing member 56 is preferably manufactured from a biologically-compatible material such as, without limitation, elastomer, silicon, or any other material having sufficient resiliency to permit pre-stretching of the annuloplasty ring 44 prior to and during implantation, while having sufficient contractive force to decrease the size of the valve annulus to a desired diameter. Similarly, the tissue-engaging sheath 58 is preferably manufactured from a biologically-compatible material having comparable resiliency, such as, without limitation, Dacron (polyethylene terephthalate ~~terepthalate~~), polyester knit, PTFE knit, and ePTFE knit, and may further incorporate tissue growth-enhancing materials. The attachment device 54 may comprise various tissue-engaging devices, including, for example, needles, barbs, or hooks. Those skilled in the art will appreciate the attachment devices 54 is preferably manufactured from a biologically-compatible material such as, without limitation, stainless steel, titanium, or Nickel-Titanium alloy (Nitinol). Figure 3D shows a perspective view of the annuloplasty ring of the present embodiment having a plurality of attachment devices 54 positioned about the device body 44.